

## **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**There is no such question as to who is "the greatest in the service of God". We are all infinitely loveable in the sight of God.**

### **MASSES**

**Vigil Saturdays: 6pm**

**Sundays: 9am & 11am**

**Weekdays: Monday to Saturday  
10am**

### **CONFESSIONS**

**Saturdays 10.30am and 5.30pm**

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### **Collection for fund which supports seminarians and deacons.**

The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund in the Diocese will be taken up on this weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> September. One seminarian continues his studies for the priesthood in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, and another man is continuing his studies for the Permanent Diaconate. The Priesthood Education Fund finances their studies as well as costs for ongoing training and education for priests.

Thank you for last year's collection which came to €64,903. In the same year, the Fund spent €82,500. Appreciating that these are difficult times financially, you are asked to be as generous as you can to the Priesthood Education Fund annual collection.

### **SMA National Novena to St. Thérèse**

The SMA Novena in honour of St. Thérèse will begin on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at St. Joseph's SMA Church, Blackrock Road, and will close on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. The Novena Mass will be celebrated each evening at 7.30p.m. (except Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7p.m. Mass).

There will be a guest choir and singer each evening.

### **Gougane Sunday**

You are invited to Gougane Barra on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September to mark the Feast of St. Finbarr. Mass at 3p.m. preceded by the Rosary at 2.30p.m. This year in Gougane Barra, the Diocese of Cork and Ross will be launching the year of prayer, listening and discernment as we plan for the future.

Bishop Fintan looks forward to seeing you in Gougane Barra.



### **Feast Days of the Week.**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Padre Pio**, died 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1968. Capuchin friar, stigmatist, confessor, friend of all who suffer.

**St. Eunan** was born in Donegal around 624 and died in 704. He became a monk in Iona and was chosen abbot there in 679. One of his writings is the Life of Colum Cille.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> St. Finbarr** came to Gougane Barra and lived there as a hermit. When disciples gathered round him, he moved to Cork at the mouth of the Lee where he founded a monastery which became a famous centre of learning.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Ss. Cosmas and Damian**, early martyrs in Syria, patrons of physicians.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> St. Vincent de Paul**, 1580-1660, committed to care of the disadvantaged and oppressed, founded the Vincentians and the Daughters of Charity, the first sisters to work outside their convents in active service. He is the patron of all charitable works.

### **A Prayer Service to celebrate the Season of Creation will take place in Holy Cross Church Mahon on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 9.30a.m.**

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all of creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. The season starts on 1st September, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

**Prayer and reflection** – we are working towards the formation of a Christian meditation group in our Family of Parishes. Several people have already approached to say that they would like to participate. Such a group is gathered along the lines of centring prayer and Christian meditation. The vision here is a small group who might gather once a week for prayer and reflection. If interested, you can contact 085 – 873 5905 or e-mail [parish@stmichaelsblackrock.ie](mailto:parish@stmichaelsblackrock.ie)

### **Cork Alzheimer's Café Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Next Meeting**

A safe place for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, their carers, family and friends along with social and health professionals to meet.

Last Friday of each month 11- 12.30p.m. in St Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road.

Light refreshments provided free of charge.

All welcome.

Art with Gillian & Inga from the Crawford Art Gallery.



